

# BANKING, RAILWAY, & SHIPPING STATISTICS, IRELAND.

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STATISTICS OF DEPOSITS AND CASH BALANCES IN JOINT STOCK BANKS; DEPOSITS IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS; INVESTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT AND INDIA STOCKS; AND BANK NOTE CIRCULATION IN IRELAND, JUNE, 1890; WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS OF IRISH RAILWAYS FOR THE FIRST TWENTY-SIX WEEKS OF THE YEARS 1889-90, AND THE AGGREGATE RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF EACH OF THE YEARS 1886-90; ALSO NUMBER AND TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED IN THE PORTS OF IRELAND DURING THE YEARS 1879-89.

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HIS EXCELLENCY LAWRENCE, EARL OF ZETLAND,  
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LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the following Tables and remarks relative to Banking, and to investments in Government and India Stocks upon which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, together with information concerning the weekly traffic receipts of the Irish Railways during the half year ended 30th June, 1890; and an abstract of the principal railway statistics of Ireland for the first half of each of the five years 1886-90. The Tables on these subjects are in continuation of those previously issued by this Department.

In addition to these I have, for the first time, included Tables with reference to the tonnage of Vessels entered and cleared at each of the Irish Ports.

The information comprised in the first series of Tables consists of the total of the deposits and cash balances in the Joint Stock Banks of Ireland on the 30th of June, 1890, and on the corresponding date in each preceding year since the year 1871 inclusive, compiled from confidential returns furnished by the authorities of the various banks, with their usual courtesy; the balance of deposits

remaining in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks on the 30th of June of each year since the year 1871 inclusive, derived from official sources ; together with the amount of Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, kindly supplied by the Governor of the Bank ; and the average bank note circulation of the six banks of issue in Ireland in the month of June since 1881, compiled from the *Dublin Gazette*. Tables are also inserted affording half-yearly comparisons for the past ten years under each of the heads referred to above.

The Tables comprising the returns of the weekly traffic receipts of the Irish Railways have been compiled from data for which I am indebted to the authorities of the various Railway Companies.

The Tables with reference to the tonnage of Ships entered and cleared at Irish Ports have been kindly furnished by the Board of Customs, and were specially prepared for the purposes of this Report by the Statistical Department of that Board.

### 1. *Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks.*

The deposits and cash balances in Joint Stock Banks, which in June, 1886, stood at £29,223,000, having shown a decrease of £17,000, compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, rose to £29,339,000 in June of the year 1887, showing an increase of £116,000, or 0·4 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1886 ; in 1888 they rose by £971,000, or 3·3 per cent., to £30,310,000 ; in June of 1889 they amounted to £31,205,000, showing an increase of £895,000, or 3·0 per cent. more. In June of this year they stood at £33,061,000, the largest amount on record, showing an increase of £1,856,000, or 5·9 per cent. as compared with June of 1889.

TABLE I.—Showing Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks, compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.\*

DATE.	Amount	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 30th June,	26,049,000	1,683,000	—
1872, "	27,214,000	1,165,000	—
1873, "	28,194,000	980,000	—
1874, "	29,859,000	1,665,000	—
1875, "	31,815,000	1,956,000	—
1876, "	32,815,000	1,000,000	—
1877, "	32,746,000	—	69,000
1878, "	31,745,000	—	1,001,000
1879, "	30,191,000	—	1,554,000
1880, "	29,350,000	—	841,000
1881, "	28,289,000	—	1,061,000
1882, "	30,667,000	2,378,000	—
1883, "	31,725,000	1,058,000	—
1884, "	30,072,000	—	1,653,000
1885, "	29,240,000	—	832,000
1886, "	29,223,000	—	17,000
1887, "	29,339,000	116,000	—
1888, "	30,310,000	971,000	—
1889, "	31,205,000	895,000	—
1890, "	33,061,000	1,856,000	—

\* The names and the dates of foundation of the Banks, the combined statistics of which are included in Tables I. and I. (A.), are as follows :—

Name.	Estab-lished.	Name.	Estab-lished.
Bank of Ireland, . . .	1783.	National Bank, . . .	1835.
Northern Banking Company, .	1824.	Ulster Bank, . . .	1836.
Hibernian Bank, . . .	1825.	Royal Bank of Ireland, .	1836.
Provincial Bank of Ireland, .	1825.	Munster & Leinster Bank, .	1885.
Belfast Banking Company, .	1827.		

A concise account of the conditions under which these various Banks were established will be found in Dillon's "History and Development of BANKING IN IRELAND." *Dublin, Alexander Thom & Co.; London, Elfrington, Wilson, & Co., and Blades, East, & Blades; 1889.*

TABLE I. (A), made out by half years shows the fluctuations which have taken place half yearly during the past ten years. This table shows that the continuous increase, which commenced in December, 1887, has been maintained.

TABLE I. (A)—Showing amount of Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks, at the undermentioned dates, compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 31st December,	29,746,000	396,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	28,289,000	—	1,457,000
" 31st December,	30,161,000	1,872,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	30,667,000	506,000	—
" 31st December,	32,746,000	2,079,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	31,725,000	—	1,021,000
" 31st December,	31,340,000	—	385,000
1884, 30th June, .	30,072,000	—	1,268,000
" 31st December,	30,627,000	555,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	29,240,000	—	1,387,000
" 31st December,	29,370,000	130,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	29,223,000	—	147,000
" 31st December,	30,172,000	949,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	29,339,000	—	833,000
" 31st December,	29,771,000	432,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	30,310,000	539,000	—
" 31st December,	30,979,000	669,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	31,205,000	226,000	—
" 31st December,	32,968,000	1,763,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	33,061,000	93,000	—

## 2. Savings Banks.

The balances of deposits in Savings Banks consist of two groups—those in the Post Office Savings Banks, which are set out in Table II. and Table II. (A), and those in Trustee Savings Banks, shown in Table III. and Table III. (A). It will be observed from Table II. that the steady increase in the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks which had been observed for several years, still continues.

At the end of June of this year, the estimated amount in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland stood at £3,585,000, as compared with £3,372,000, for the corresponding period of 1889, showing an increase of £213,000, or 6·3 per cent., and being higher than the balance at any previous period since the foundation of these Banks.

TABLE II.—Showing Estimated Balances, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 30th June,	698,000	89,000	—
1872,        "	789,000	91,000	—
1873,        "	824,000	35,000	—
1874,        "	875,000	51,000	—
1875,        "	951,000	76,000	—
1876,        "	1,066,000	115,000	—
1877,        "	1,211,000	145,000	—
1878,        "	1,296,000	85,000	—
1879,        "	1,374,000	78,000	—
1880,        "	1,481,000	107,000	—
1881,        "	1,645,000	164,000	—
1882,        "	1,832,000	187,000	—
1883,        "	2,002,000	170,000	—
1884,        "	2,150,000	148,000	—
1885,        "	2,325,000	175,000	—
1886,        "	2,592,000	267,000	—
1887,        "	2,802,000	210,000	—
1888,        "	3,128,000	326,000	—
1889,        "	3,372,000	244,000	—
1890,        "	3,585,000	213,000	—

Table II. (A.) shows by half years, during the past ten years, the steady increase in the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks. The increase in June, 1890, as compared with the estimated balance in December, 1889, was £123,000.

In connection with the subject of the Balance of Deposits remaining in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland, a Table is given in the Appendix, showing for each Province and County in Ireland the amount (inclusive of interest), standing to the credit of accounts of Depositors on the 31st December in each year, from 1873 to 1889 (both inclusive); and the average amount of such balances per 1,000 of the Population in 1877, 1882, and 1887, respectively. From this Table it will be seen that in 1889 the balance amounted to £3,475,021; viz.:—in the Province of Leinster to £1,193,389; in Munster to £705,977; in Ulster to £1,245,207, and in Connaught to £330,448.

In 1873 (the first year given in this Table), the amount for the whole of Ireland was £845,550; in 1877 the amount was £1,256,724, or £243 per 1,000 of the population; in 1882, £1,925,460, or £372 per 1,000; in 1887, £2,933,032 or £567 per 1,000 of the population; and in 1889, £3,475,021.

In 1887 the amount of such balances in the Province of Leinster was £1,053,878, or £824 per 1,000 of the population; in Munster, £600,365, or £451 per 1,000; in Ulster, £996,935, or £572 per 1,000; and in Connaught, £281,854, or £343 per 1,000 of the population.

Analysing the Table by Counties, it is found that in Dublin the amount in 1887 exceeded £1,000 per 1,000 of the population, the average for that county being £1,398; in the Counties of Louth and Antrim the amount was between £900 and £1,000 per 1,000 of the population; in Kildare, Westmeath, Wicklow, and

TABLE II. (A)—Showing Estimated Balance, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 31st December,	1,556,000	75,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	1,645,000	89,000	—
" 31st December,	1,723,000	78,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	1,832,000	109,000	—
" 31st December,	1,926,000	94,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	2,002,000	76,000	—
" 31st December,	2,052,000	50,000	—
1884, 30th June, .	2,150,000	98,000	—
" 31st December,	2,224,000	74,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	2,325,000	101,000	—
" 31st December,	2,438,000	113,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	2,592,000	154,000	—
" 31st December,	2,703,000	111,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	2,802,000	99,000	—
" 31st December,	2,932,000	130,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	3,128,000	196,000	—
" 31st December,	3,239,000	111,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	3,372,000	133,000	—
" 31st December,	3,462,000	90,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	3,585,000	123,000	—

Down it was between £600 and £700; in Carlow, Cork, Tipperary, and Tyrone, between £500 and £600; in Kilkenny, King's, Queen's, Wexford, Limerick, Armagh, Londonderry, and Sligo, between £400 and £500; in Longford, Meath, Waterford, Cavan, Donegal, Fermanagh, Monaghan, Galway, and Mayo, between £300 and £400; and in Clare, Kerry, Leitrim, and Roscommon, between £200 and £300. The figures for 1889 show that there has been an increase in each of the counties.

Table III. shows the amount of deposits on the 30th June, 1871-90, in Trustee Savings Banks, from which it appears that an increase of £7,000 has taken place in June, 1890, as compared with the corresponding period of 1889.

TABLE III.—Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 30th June,	2,151,000	96,000	—
1872, "	2,250,000	99,000	—
1873, "	2,131,000	—	119,000
1874, "	1,976,000	—	155,000
1875, "	2,005,000	29,000	—
1876, "	2,108,000	103,000	—
1877, "	2,225,000	117,000	—
1878, "	2,208,000	—	17,000
1879, "	2,116,000	—	92,000
1880, "	2,063,000	—	53,000
1881, "	1,980,000	—	83,000
1882, "	2,038,000	58,000	—
1883, "	2,064,000	26,000	—
1884, "	2,072,000	8,000	—
1885, "	2,022,000	—	50,000
1886, "	1,994,000	—	28,000
1887, "	2,030,000	36,000	—
1888, "	2,012,000	—	18,000
1889, "	2,028,000	16,000	—
1890, "	2,035,000	7,000	—

Table III. (A) gives information by half-years for the Trustee Savings Banks, and shows that there was a decrease of £7,000 in June, 1890, as compared with December, 1889.

TABLE III. (A)--Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 31st December,	2,079,000	16,000	-
1881, 30th June, .	1,980,000	-	99,000
" 31st December,	2,042,000	62,000	-
1882, 30th June, .	2,038,000	-	4,000
" 31st December,	2,078,000	40,000	-
1883, 30th June, .	2,064,000	-	14,000
" 31st December,	2,060,000	-	4,000
1884, 30th June, .	2,072,000	12,000	-
" 31st December,	2,097,000	25,000	-
1885, 30th June, .	2,022,000	-	75,000
" 31st December,	1,981,000	-	41,000
1886, 30th June, .	1,994,000	13,000	-
" 31st December,	2,007,000	13,000	-
1887, 30th June, .	2,030,000	23,000	-
" 31st December,	2,043,000	13,000	-
1888, 30th June, .	2,012,000	-	31,000
" 31st December,	2,029,000	17,000	-
1889, 30th June, .	2,028,000	-	1,000
" 31st December,	2,042,000	14,000	-
1890, 30th June, .	2,035,000	-	7,000

In order to show in a combined form the progress of the accumulation of small savings in Banks in Ireland, Tables IV. and IV. (A.) have been constructed. Table IV. shows a considerable increase in savings, the total amount in the Savings Banks in Ireland being £5,620,000 in June, 1890, as compared with £5,400,000 for the corresponding period of the year 1889. This is an increase of £220,000, or 4.1 per cent.

TABLE IV.—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. and III.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 30th June,	2,849,000	185,000	—
1872, "	3,039,000	190,000	—
1873, "	2,955,000	—	84,000
1874, "	2,851,000	—	104,000
1875, "	2,956,000	105,000	—
1876, "	3,174,000	218,000	—
1877, "	3,436,000	262,000	—
1878, "	3,504,000	68,000	—
1879, "	3,490,000	—	14,000
1880, "	3,544,000	54,000	—
1881, "	3,625,000	81,000	—
1882, "	3,870,000	245,000	—
1883, "	4,066,000	196,000	—
1884, "	4,222,000	156,000	—
1885, "	4,347,000	125,000	—
1886, "	4,586,000	239,000	—
1887, "	4,832,000	246,000	—
1888, "	5,140,000	308,000	—
1889, "	5,400,000	260,000	—
1890, "	5,620,000	220,000	—

Table IV. (A.) shows the amount of small savings, by half years, for the past ten years, and demonstrates that except in the case of a small decrease between 31st December, 1880, and 30th June, 1881, the deposits in Savings Banks in Ireland increased steadily and continuously.

[TABLE IV. (A.)

TABLE IV. (A).—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. (A.) and III. (A.)

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 31st December,	3,635,000	91,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	3,625,000	—	10,000
" 31st December,	3,765,000	140,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	3,870,000	105,000	—
" 31st December,	4,004,000	134,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	4,066,000	62,000	—
" 31st December,	4,112,000	46,000	—
1884, 30th June, .	4,222,000	110,000	—
" 31st December,	4,321,000	99,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	4,347,000	26,000	—
" 31st December,	4,419,000	72,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	4,586,000	167,000	—
" 31st December,	4,710,000	124,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	4,832,000	122,000	—
" 31st December,	4,975,000	143,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	5,140,000	165,000	—
" 31st December,	5,268,000	128,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	5,400,000	132,000	—
" 31st December,	5,504,000	104,000	—
1890, 30th June, .	5,620,000	116,000	—

### 3. *Investments in Government and India Stocks.*

From Table V. it is seen that the amount of Government and India Stocks on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland was, in June, 1890, £27,517,000, compared with £28,219,000 in June, 1889, being a decrease of £702,000, or 2·5 per cent., following a decrease of £637,000 in the year ended 30th June, 1889.

Table V. (A), made up by half-years, shows that there has been a decrease amounting to £381,000, or 1·4 per cent. in June 1890, as compared with the termination of the previous half-year.

TABLE V.—Showing the Totals of Government and India Stocks held in Ireland at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 30th June,	36,927,000	378,000	—
1872, "	36,756,000	—	171,000
1873, "	34,953,000	—	1,803,000
1874, "	34,739,000	—	214,000
1875, "	33,640,000	—	1,099,000
1876, "	33,424,000	—	216,000
1877, "	32,613,000	—	811,000
1878, "	31,809,000	—	804,000
1879, "	33,037,000	1,228,000	—
1880, "	33,113,000	76,000	—
1881, "	32,439,000	—	674,000
1882, "	31,772,000	—	667,000
1883, "	31,532,000	—	240,000
1884, "	30,859,000	—	673,000
1885, "	30,900,000	41,000	—
1886, "	30,484,000	—	416,000
1887, "	30,779,000	295,000	—
1888, "	28,856,000	—	1,923,000
1889, "	28,219,000	—	637,000
1890, "	27,517,000	—	702,000

TABLE V. (A).—Showing the Totals of Government and India Stocks held in Ireland at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 31st December,	32,395,000	—	718,000
1881, 30th June,	32,439,000	44,000	—
" 31st December,	31,611,000	—	828,000
1882, 30th June,	31,772,000	161,000	—
" 31st December,	31,804,000	32,000	—
1883, 30th June,	31,532,000	—	272,000
" 31st December,	30,942,000	—	590,000
1884, 30th June,	30,859,000	—	83,000
" 31st December,	30,537,000	—	322,000
1885, 30th June,	30,900,000	363,000	—
" 31st December,	29,689,000	—	1,211,000
1886, 30th June,	30,484,000	795,000	—
" 31st December,	30,080,000	—	404,000
1887, 30th June,	30,779,000	699,000	—
" 31st December,	29,839,000	—	940,000
1888, 30th June,	28,856,000	—	983,000
" 31st December,	28,669,000	—	187,000
1889, 30th June,	28,219,000	—	450,000
" 31st December,	27,898,000	—	321,000
1890, 30th June,	27,517,000	—	381,000

#### 4. Bank Note Circulation.

Dealing with the Bank Note circulation in a manner similar to that adopted with regard to the question of deposits and cash balances, it will be seen by Table VI. that there has been an increase of £119,000 in the circulation as compared with the year 1889, the value having risen from £6,515,000 in June, 1889, to £6,634,000 at the corresponding period of 1890, or at the rate of 1·8 per cent.

TABLE VI.—Showing the Average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland in June; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.\*

PERIODS.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1881, June, .	6,445,000	513,000	—
1882, " .	7,097,000	652,000	—
1883, " .	6,746,000	—	351,000
1884, " .	6,240,000	—	506,000
1885, " .	5,710,000	—	530,000
1886, " .	5,726,000	16,000	—
1887, " .	5,681,000	—	45,000
1888, " .	5,758,000	77,000	—
1889, " .	6,515,000	757,000	—
1890, " .	6,634,000	119,000	—

The following Statement shows, by half-years, the amount of Bank Note circulation in Ireland.

\* There are Six Banks in Ireland authorized to issue Notes, the statistics of which are included in this table. The total authorized issue of Notes for these Banks is £6,354,494. Their average issue for the ten years ending with 1883 (according to tables accompanying Lochrane's Banker's and Merchant's Map of Ireland), was £6,891,866, and the average amount of gold and silver held by them was £2,957,830.

TABLE VI. (A.)—Showing the Average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.\*

Periods.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, December, .	7,048,000	1,116,000	—
1881, June, .	6,445,000	—	603,000
„ December, .	7,476,000	1,031,000	—
1882, June, .	7,097,000	—	379,000
„ December, .	8,334,000	1,237,000	—
1883, June, .	6,746,000	—	1,588,000
„ December, .	7,235,000	489,000	—
1884, June, .	6,240,000	—	995,000
„ December, .	6,748,000	508,000	—
1885, June, .	5,710,000	—	1,038,000
„ December, .	6,484,000	774,000	—
1886, June, .	5,726,000	—	758,000
„ December, .	6,359,000	633,000	—
1887, June, .	5,681,000	—	678,000
„ December, .	5,964,000	283,000	—
1888, June, .	5,758,000	—	206,000
„ December, .	6,709,000	951,000	—
1889, June, .	6,515,000	—	194,000
„ December, .	7,090,000	575,000	—
1890, June, .	6,634,000	—	456,000

\* See note, p. 16.

The results of the analysis of the foregoing tables are :—

1st. That in June, 1890, as compared with the corresponding period in 1889, there was an increase of Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks amounting to £1,856,000.

2nd. That there was an increase of £93,000 in Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks in June, 1890, as compared with December, 1889.

- 3rd. That there was an increase in the Deposits in Savings Banks in Ireland in June, 1890, as compared with the same period of 1889, amounting to £220,000.
- 4th. That there was a net increase of £116,000 in the Deposits in Savings Banks in June, 1890, as compared with December, 1889.
- 5th. That there was a decrease in the amount of Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, of £702,000, in June, 1890, as compared with the same period of 1889.
- 6th. That in June, 1890, there was a decrease of £381,000 in the amount of Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, as compared with December, 1889.
- 7th. That in June, 1890, there was an increase of £119,000 in the amount of Bank Note circulation, as compared with the corresponding period of 1889.
- 8th. That there was a diminution of Bank Note circulation to the amount of £456,000 in June, 1890, as compared with December of the previous year.

### 5. *Railway Statistics.*

Table VII. gives the receipts of Irish Railways, week by week, for the first half of the year 1890, compared with those for 1889.

A review of the weekly traffic returns shows that during the first half of this year the receipts exceeded those of the corresponding period of 1889. During the first twenty-six weeks of the year there were ten weeks

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TABLE VII.—COMPARATIVE RETURN OF WEEKLY RAILWAY RECEIPTS IN IRELAND FOR FIRST TWENTY-SIX WEEKS OF THE YEARS 1889-90.

No. of Week in Calendar Year.	Date	RECEIPTS FOR WEEK.						Miles run.		Receipts per Mile.		ANNUAL RECEIPTS TO DATE FROM BEGINNING OF YEAR.											
		Total.		Increase in 1890 as compared with 1889.		Decrease in 1889 as compared with 1888.						PERCENTAGE.						Total.		Increase in 1890 as compared with 1889.		Decrease in 1889 as compared with 1888.	
		1889.	1890.	Total.	Per Cent.	Total.	Per Cent.	1888.	1889.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	Total.	Per Cent.	Total.	Per Cent.						
Friday			£	£	£	£				£	£	£	£	£		£							
1 <sup>st</sup>	January 3.	44,809†	44,809†	—	—	—	—	—	2,677‡	2,431‡	18 9†	18 7†	44,809†	44,809†	—	—	—						
2	" 10.	42,081†	42,081†	—	—	—	—	—	3,065	3,067	18 6†	18 7†	86,890	86,890	—	—	—						
3	" 17.	46,338	46,338	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	18 7	18 9	133,228	133,228	—	—	—						
4	" 24.	47,061	47,061	—	—	—	—	—	3,605	3 1	"	"	180,289	180,289	—	—	3,897 1 3						
5	" 31.	45,562	45,562	—	—	—	—	—	2,563	2 2	"	"	225,851	225,851	—	—	4,888 1 8						
6	February 7.	46,468	46,468	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	17 4	17 7	272,319	272,319	—	—	3,603 1 2						
7	" 14.	46,406	46,406	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	17 4	17 5	318,725	318,725	—	—	2,332 0 7						
8	" 21.	47,355	47,355	—	—	—	—	—	2,327	4 8	"	"	366,080	366,080	—	—	4,610 1 2						
9	" 28.	45,553	45,553	—	—	—	—	—	479	1 9	"	"	411,633	411,633	—	—	3,699 1 2						
10	March 7.	49,381	49,381	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	18 1	18 6	461,014	461,014	—	—	4,751 1 0						
11	" 14.	49,389	49,389	—	—	—	—	—	779	1 5	"	"	510,403	510,403	—	—	3,223 1 3						
12	" 21.	51,381	51,381	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	17 3	18 1	561,784	561,784	—	—	3,354 0 6						
13	" 28.	50,122	50,122	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	18 5	17 9	611,906	611,906	—	—	416 0 1						
14	April 4.	50,649	50,649	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	21 5	21 7	662,555	662,555	—	—	797 0 1						
15	" 11.	43,185	43,185	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	20 0	24 9	705,740	705,740	—	—	11,641 1 6						
16	" 18.	52,545	52,545	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	18 7	23 1	758,285	758,285	—	—	17,567 2 3						
17	" 25.	42,711†	42,711†	—	—	—	—	—	3,264	4 2	"	"	800,996	800,996	—	—	16,903 1 7						
18	May 2.	48,762	48,762	—	—	—	—	—	4,369	10 6	"	"	849,758	849,758	—	—	7,014 0 9						
19	" 9.	49,302	49,302	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	22 5	24 1	899,060	899,060	—	—	15,369 1 5						
20	" 16.	50,708	50,708	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	21 7	24 0	949,768	949,768	—	—	16,518 1 8						
21	" 23.	54,850	54,850	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	26 9	21 3	1,004,618	1,004,618	—	—	20,261 2 0						
22	" 30.	50,679	50,679	—	—	—	—	—	"	"	25 6	24 1	1,055,297	1,055,297	—	—	35,835 3 5						
23	June 6.	46,753	46,753	—	—	—	—	—	25 6	25 6	25 6	25 6	1,102,050	1,102,050	—	—	36,132 2 5						
24	" 13.	56,998†	56,998†	—	—	—	—	—	3,655	5 5	"	"	1,159,048	1,159,048	—	—	24,235 1 9						
25	" 20.	57,329	57,329	—	—	—	—	—	1,892	2 5	"	"	1,216,377	1,216,377	—	—	25,418 1 7						
26*	" 27.	67,120	67,120	—	—	—	—	—	1,847	3 5	"	"	1,283,497	1,283,497	—	—	30,275 1 6						

\* Owing to the closing of Accounts at the end of the Calendar half year, the amounts returned for the 1st, 20th, 27th, and 31st weeks, respectively, by some of the Railways do not in all cases represent the receipts for those days.

† Including the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway receipts for 13 days.

‡ Including the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway receipts for 13 days.



in which the receipts fell below the amounts for the corresponding weeks of the year 1889, and, of these, one, the seventeenth week (ended April 25th), was the week corresponding in date to Easter week in 1889, and another, the twenty-fourth week (ended June 13th), was the week corresponding with Whit week in 1889. The receipts for Easter week in this year were in excess of those for Easter week of 1889; those for Whit week were less than the receipts in Whit week of last year. All the remaining weeks (16) of the first half year showed increases, the total receipts for the first twenty-six weeks showing a net increase of £21,375, or 1·5 per cent. as compared with corresponding period of the year 1889.

Table VIII. gives some of the principal statistics for Irish Railways during the first half of each of the five years 1886-90, for comparison with the aggregate figures at foot of Table VII. for 1889-90.

TABLE VIII.—Railway Traffic Statistics, Ireland, for the first Twenty-six Weeks of each of the Years 1886-90.

Years.	Length of Lines open.	RECEIPTS.			
		Total.	Increase or Decrease as compared with corresponding period in preceding year.		Average Receipts per Mile.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
	Miles.	£	£	£	£
1886	2,617	1,294,136	—	—	495
1887	2,630	1,339,534	45,398	—	509
1888	2,672	1,328,027	—	11,507	497
1889	2,672	1,398,908	70,881	—	524
1890	2,667	1,420,283	21,375	—	533

6. *Shipping Returns.*

It appears from the following Table IX. that the yearly average tonnage of vessels in foreign trade, which were *entered* in the Ports of Ireland during the ten years 1879-88 was 895,659; the highest was 1,117,777 in 1879, and the lowest in 1886, when the tonnage entered was only 771,574; in 1889 the tonnage entered was 913,239, or 17,580 above the average for the preceding ten years. The average tonnage of vessels, in the coasting trade, entered in the Ports of Ireland during the decade 1879-88 was 5,249,906—but little variation occurring between any of those years; the tonnage entered, in 1889, was 5,114,786, or 135,120 less than the yearly average for the ten years 1879-88.

The average tonnage of vessels, in the foreign trade, *cleared* during the ten years 1879-88 was 439,735; the tonnage cleared in 1879 was 724,750, in 1889 it was only 357,633. The average tonnage of vessels, in the coasting trade, cleared during the ten years 1879-88 was 3,956,218; that cleared in 1879 was 4,260,458, which has diminished to 3,785,400 in 1889, or 170,818 less than the average for the decade 1879-88.

A supplement to Table IX. showing, for each of the Ports in Ireland, the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared during the year 1889 is given on page 22.

[TABLE IX.]

TABLE IX.—Showing for each of the Years 1879-89, the Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared in the Ports of Ireland; and the Averages for the Ten Years 1879-88.

YEARS.	Entered.						Cleared.					
	Foreign Trade (with Carries).			Coasting Trade (with Carries).			Foreign Trade (with Carries and in Ballast).*			Coasting Trade (with Carries only).		
	Tonnage.	Increase.	Decrease.	Tonnage.	Increase.	Decrease.	Tonnage.	Increase.	Decrease.	Tonnage.	Increase.	Decrease.
1879, . . . . .	1,117,777	-	-	5,472,642	-	-	724,760	-	-	4,390,458	-	-
1880, . . . . .	990,859	-	126,908	5,421,951	-	50,711	602,846	-	121,904	4,082,965	-	227,492
1881, . . . . .	869,304	-	131,655	5,221,020	-	200,911	538,739	-	64,107	4,057,078	24,112	-
1882, . . . . .	829,437	-	39,747	5,261,572	40,552	-	347,580	-	191,559	4,019,590	-	87,479
1883, . . . . .	952,051	122,594	-	5,289,649	-	21,729	390,023	42,643	-	3,924,501	-	95,008
1884, . . . . .	790,953	-	152,188	5,389,466	49,617	-	337,298	-	52,730	3,964,466	39,965	-
1885, . . . . .	933,001	133,198	-	5,176,940	-	112,526	316,108	-	21,185	3,832,774	-	131,692
1886, . . . . .	771,574	-	161,427	5,144,763	-	32,171	367,055	50,947	-	3,854,069	21,295	-
1887, . . . . .	881,115	109,541	-	5,205,173	60,404	-	401,272	34,217	-	3,819,980	-	84,080
1888, . . . . .	811,677	-	69,436	5,065,699	-	139,474	371,887	-	29,885	3,796,279	-	23,710
Average, 1879-88, .	895,659	-	-	5,249,906	-	-	499,785	-	-	3,956,218	-	-
1889, . . . . .	913,239	Increase compared with Average, 17,580	-	5,114,786	-	Decrease compared with Average, 135,120	357,633	-	Decrease compared with Average, 82,102	3,785,400	-	Decrease compared with Average, 170,818

\* Vessels, in foreign trade, leaving the Ports of Ireland, in ballast (unless loaded stores have been taken on board) for any other Port in the United Kingdom, are not cleared.

SUPPLEMENT TO TABLE IX.—Showing the Number and Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared in each of the Ports in Ireland during the Year 1889.

NAME OF PORT.	NUMBER AND TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED IN THE PORTS IN IRELAND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1889.							
	ENTERED.				CLEARED.			
	Foreign Trade (with Cargoes).		Coasting Trade (with Cargoes only).		Foreign Trade (with Cargoes and in Ballast).		Coasting Trade (with Cargoes only).	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Belfast, . . . .	182	273,467	3,790	1,622,229	177	174,620	5,221	1,156,414
Culernino, . . . .	5	1,433	465	55,312	3	897	325	32,575
Cork, . . . . .	205	113,992	2,462	567,449	90	43,413	1,669	430,593
Skibbereen, . . . .	12	3,491	205	31,355	19	2,004	85	9,641
Tralee, . . . . .	23	13,349	334	49,563	13	5,018	191	23,633
Dublin, . . . . .	416	237,865	6,673	1,347,347	129	79,389	3,911	316,619
Drogheda, . . . .	6	1,386	630	117,630	3	845	490	113,210
Galway, . . . . .	23	16,600	213	19,221	9	5,239	100	16,306
Limerick, . . . . .	30	66,733	448	91,214	35	15,103	360	72,057
Londonderry, . . .	53	43,539	1,771	311,379	21	13,931	1,106	241,392
Newry, . . . . .	31	16,233	1,374	242,354	17	7,891	632	170,553
Dundalk, . . . . .	14	5,254	731	113,648	5	1,754	294	73,561
Sligo, . . . . .	28	25,960	513	60,615	12	3,457	456	43,735
Waterford, . . . .	71	52,002	2,132	496,275	27	10,187	1,599	422,563
Wexford, . . . . .	14	2,670	800	77,019	3	1,427	324	42,031
Westport, . . . . .	13	12,109	236	21,120	2	519	381	20,849
Total, 1889, . . .	1,322 <sup>a</sup>	613,233 <sup>a</sup>	26,372	5,114,793	631 <sup>a</sup>	367,633 <sup>a</sup>	17,764	3,703,406

<sup>a</sup> Of the vessels entered towards (in 1889) from foreign with cargoes, 262, with a tonnage of 127,467, discharged only part of their cargoes; and of the vessels outwards with cargoes for foreign, 90, with a tonnage of 130,464, were only partially loaded.

In conclusion, I have to return my thanks to the Authorities of the various Joint Stock Banks of Ireland, and of the Post Office Savings Bank Department; the Comptroller-General of the National Debt Office; the Governor of the Bank of Ireland, the Chairmen and Directors of the several Railway Companies, and the Statistical Department of the Board of Customs, for the valuable information which they so promptly afforded in connexion with the compilation of these statistics for your Excellency.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servant,

THOMAS W. GRINSHAW,  
*Registrar-General.*

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,  
*Dublin, 31st July, 1890.*







DUBLIN CASTLE,

8th August, 1890.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, your Report on the Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics, Ireland, 1890.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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